

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/261,487 filed October 2, 2002, now
~~pending~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,756,611, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/986,332
filed November 8, 2001, now pending, which is a ~~Continuation~~ continuation of
~~application~~ Application Serial No. 09/603,437 filed June 23, 2000, now abandoned,
which is a ~~Division~~ divisional of ~~application~~ Application Serial No. 09/202,141 filed
December 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,153,010, which is a ~~35 U.S.C. § 371~~ the National
Stage entry of International App. No. PCT/JP98/01640 filed April 9, 1998.